

SAFETY



Our mission is to maintain a ready-to-deploy, Light Lift, Attack Helicopter Squadron, capable of fighting our nation's battles Anytime, Anywhere. Our goal is to execute with zero preventable mishaps. At home on liberty, working on the flightline, and when flying the most challenging missions, I expect each of you to shoulder your responsibility as a professional warfighter and thrive in our risk laden environment.

Thriving in a risk laden environment starts with planning. Whether leading a squadron flight planning evolution or simply making liberty plans with friends, each of you are charged with leveraging this squadron's experience to address the hazards in your plans, mastering the basics, and ensuring your Marines are equipped to accomplish our mission.

Thriving in a risk laden environment ends with execution. Despite your best planning efforts, many of the hazards you face, are unforeseen and need to be addressed on the spot. In that regard, nothing you do is so time critical that you should willingly accept unnecessary risk of injury to you, our people, or damage to our equipment. If you can't find a way to mitigate these risks as they arise, you have my authority to stop what you are doing, or what you see others doing— no matter your rank, no matter the situation.

The Marine Corps recruits our nation's bravest Men and Women— those willing to run towards the sound of canons. No matter your rank and level of experience, you are charged to harness your courage with the wisdom found in managing risk. Use ORM in every aspect of training, when on liberty, and when fighting in combat. ORM doesn't put roadblocks between us and success, it provides the path to mission accomplishment.

As warfighting professionals, your ability to manage risk with mission focused resolve is critical. It is through your vigilance managing risk that we will maintain our ready-to-deploy force capable of fighting and winning our nation's battles Anytime, Anywhere.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M.S. Coppess".

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